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2014 Urban Deer Archery Hunt Results Presented to City Council

Another safe season aids City's homeless.

MORGANTOWN – The fourth annual Morgantown Urban Deer Archery Hunt ended on December 31, 2014, and the results are in.

Rick Bebout, volunteer coordinator for the hunt, reported to City Manager Jeff Mikorski that 105 deer were taken during the four-month hunt in several areas around Morgantown. The report was presented to City Council at their regular meeting on January 20.

A total of 20 properties were eligible for hunting, all of which harvested at least one deer.

Some of the most popular and fruitful properties included:
- WVU Research Park, 15 deer
- Norwood Parcels, 14 deer
- WVU Arboretum, 11 deer
- Greenbag Road hillside, 11 deer

Of the 105 deer harvested, 35 were donated to local shelters and kitchens – yielding 853 pounds of ground venison to prepare in their meals for Morgantown's hungry.

Here is a breakdown of numbers from previous years:

Year	Hunters	Deer Taken	Donated Venison
2011	67	45	400 lbs.
2012	77	118	1,617 lbs.
2013	90	137	1,831 lbs.
2014	88	105	853 lbs.

Early planning for the 2015 Hunt will take place soon, and registration for the lottery for new hunters will be open March 1 until March 31 via a link on the City's website. More information will be given out closer to the registration date.

The Morgantown City Council has approved the use of Urban Deer Archery Hunts as a way to reduce the deer population in and around the community after the Urban Deer Committee explored alternatives, made recommendations to City Council, and completed an aerial deer count.

For more information about the Urban Deer Archery Hunt, visit the City's Urban Deer page at http://www.morgantownwv.gov/residents/urban-deer/.

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